

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION
MAY 15, 2018 – 6:40 PM
PRESIDENT KAI SWANSON PRESIDING

1. Karen Kinney, County Clerk, called the roll: (Record)

R. Brunk, L. Burns, K. Callaway-Thompson, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, M. Mayberry, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, P. Moreno, R. Morthland, S. Noyd, C. O'Brien, R. Oelke, R. Reagan, V. Shelton, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, M. Steffen, S. Terry, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl

TOTAL PRESENT 24

TOTAL ABSENT 0

2. President Swanson introduced our guest speaker Kathy Wine, Executive Director of River Action. Ms. Wine gave a presentation about how River Action helps to protect and restore the Mississippi River. River Action strives to foster the environmental, economic, and cultural vitality of the Mississippi River and its riverfront in the Quad City region.
3. Commissioner Mayberry moved to approve the April 17, 2018, Commission Minutes. Commissioners Sowards, O'Brien, Terry and Cremeens seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

4. Board Member O'Brien informed Commissioners of the passing of Sally Gianulis who was a long time Executive Secretary for the Forest Preserve.
5. Commissioner Simmer moved to approve the Forest Preserve claims @ \$69,803.51, Niabi Zoo Fund claims @ \$121,496.92, Liability Fund claims @ \$60.00, Loud Thunder Fund claims @ \$19,832.00 and the Marvin Martin Fund claims @ \$3,637.42. Commissioners O'Brien and Steffen seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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TOTAL YES 23

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

6. Commissioner Mayberry moved to approve the Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$3,205.02. Commissioner Sowards seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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TOTAL YES 24

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner Maranda moved to waive the reading and approve the Transfers of Appropriation in the Forest Preserve General Fund and Niabi Zoo Fund. Commissioners O'Brien and Sowards seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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TOTAL YES 24

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner Vyncke moved to approve the resolution regarding additional funds in the amount of \$51,553.00 for the Giraffe Yard Shade Structure in the Niabi Zoo Fund. Commissioner L. Moreno seconded.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, additional funds are required in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 for the necessary expenses incurred for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year, and

WHEREAS, funds are available from unappropriated funds within the Niabi Zoo Fund #131, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island County, Rock Island, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. An emergency exists as outlined above.

SECTION 2. An amount of \$51,553.00 be transferred from unappropriated funds in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$51,553.00	131-32-08 767	Infrastructure over \$15,000

SECTION 3. This Resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 15th day of May, 2018.

A roll call vote was taken.

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TOTAL YES 23

J.R. Westpfahl

TOTAL NO 1

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner Maranda moved to approve the Ordinance establishing the compensation of members and officers of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission. Commissioners O'Brien and Simmer seconded.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, members of the County Board of Supervisors for Rock Island County, Illinois, are ex-officio members of the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District as the boundaries of the district are co-extensive with the boundaries of the county as stated is the Downstate Forest Preserve Act 805 ILCS 805/3a, and

WHEREAS, in service as a Forest Preserve Commissioner, Commissioners will be compensated by means of a salary established by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission in the manner provided by the Downstate Forest Preserve Act 70 ILCS 805/et. seq., and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of 50 ILCS 145/2, the compensation of elected officers of units of government, which compensation is to be fixed by units of local government, shall be fixed at least one hundred eighty days before the beginning of the terms of the officers whose compensation is to be fixed, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of 70 ILCS 805/3a authorize the Forest Preserve Commission to establish an annual salary for such positions that shall be payable from the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District Treasury, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of 70 ILCS 80518 provides that the person exercising the powers of the president of the board shall have power to appoint officers and such employees as may be necessary, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of 70 ILCS 805/3a state that no Forest Preserve Commissioner shall file for a per diem payment for services rendered on the same day for which he filed for a per diem payment as a county supervisor, and

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District, in open meeting this 15th day of May 2018, as follows:

1. That members of the Rock Island County Board of Supervisors, who are ex-officio members of the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District, shall receive no other compensation than that provided for them as members of the County Board of Supervisors, unless otherwise herein set forth.
2. That the person elected by the Board of Commissioners to serve as President thereof shall serve for a term of two (2) years. The Commission President shall be paid as follows effective December 1, 2018, the salary for the first year of the term shall be six thousand dollars (\$6,000). Effective December 1, 2019, the salary for the second year of the term shall be six thousand dollars (\$6,000). Payments shall be equally disbursed monthly from the Forest Preserve District Treasury. This salary is in addition to whatever compensation is provided for members of the County Board.
3. That Forest Preserve Commissioners assigned by the President to serve on the Forest Preserve Executive Committee shall be paid as follows effective December 1, 2018, the salary for the first year of the term shall be one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500.00). Effective December 1, 2019, the salary for the second year of the term shall be one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500.00). Payments shall be equally disbursed monthly from the Forest Preserve District Treasury. This salary is in addition to whatever compensation is provided for members of the County Board.
4. That the President of the Commission upon the first meeting of the Commission after his/her election as President of the Commission on the first Monday of December in even numbered years shall appoint the District's Officers. That the person(s) appointed by the President of the Commission and approved by a majority vote by the Board of Commissioners shall serve for a term of two (2) years.

The Treasurer of the District shall be paid as follows effective December 1, 2018, the salary for the first year of the term shall be two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00). Effective December 1, 2019, the salary for the second year of the term shall be two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00).

The Secretary of the District shall be paid as follows effective December 1, 2018, the salary for the first year of the term shall be two thousand dollars

(\$2,000.00). Effective December 1, 2019, the salary for the second year of the term shall be two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

Payments shall be disbursed monthly from the Forest Preserve District Treasury.

5. That the President of the Commission may at any time appoint any additional officer(s) deemed necessary for the operation of the District. These officers shall serve under the term of the President and shall serve at the pleasure of the President.
6. That members of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission will receive a per diem of thirty-six dollars (\$36.00) for meetings involving Forest Preserve business, not including regularly scheduled committee meetings, commission meetings or inspections. Payment shall be disbursed from the Forest Preserve District Treasury.
7. That members of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission will receive mileage for meetings and inspections involving District business.
8. That members of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission are subject to the District's Reimbursement Policy pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Travel and Expense Control Act.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District this 15th day of May, 2018.

A roll call vote was taken.

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TOTAL YES 24

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner Simmer moved to approve the Abused & Neglected Child Reporting Act Policy. Commissioner O'Brien seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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TOTAL YES 24

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

11. Commissioner Simmer moved to approve the salary adjustments for the following positions: Loud Thunder Ranger \$4,000.00; Illiniwek Ranger \$4,000.00; Golf Course Superintendent \$4,000.00; Club House Manager \$4,000.00; Zoo Maintenance Superintendent \$4,000.00; Guest Services Manager \$5,044.00. Adjustments to take effect for fiscal year 2019 on July 1, 2018. Commissioners Langdon and Vyncke seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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TOTAL YES 23

J.R. Westpfahl

TOTAL NO 1

Motion carried.

12. Commissioner Deppe moved to approve all the Routine Reports from the Director and Department Heads of the Forest Preserve Commission. Commissioner Steffen seconded. (Record)

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

13. Commissioner Mayberry moved to approve the appointment of John Peters to the Niabi Zoo Community Advisory Board. Commissioners L. Moreno, O'Brien and Steffen seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

14. Commissioner Swanson thanked Commissioner Deppe publicly without his vision and leadership we would not have been able to make the long overdue improvements to accessibility with persons with disabilities at Loud Thunder.

The next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission is Tuesday, June 19, 2018, immediately following the meeting of the Rock Island County Board.

President Swanson declared the Forest Preserve Meeting recessed.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Kinney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "K" and a long, sweeping underline.

KAREN KINNEY
COUNTY CLERK AND SECRETARY
OF THE FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

KK: wlr/b